

a | 16. (New) A power saw according to claim 14, wherein the pivotable sole plate is lockable in any one of the plurality of positions.

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 8 have been cancelled. Claims 9 through 16 have been added. Claims 9 through 16 remain pending in the present application.

New Claim 9 relates to previous Claim 5 in independent form. Applicant believes Claim 9 to be patentably distinguishable over the art cited by the Examiner. Likewise, Claims 10 through 12 which depend from Claim 9 are patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

New Claim 13 defines a power saw which includes a sole plate pivotable from at least one position where the sole plate is in contact with the workpiece. The sole plate is acting as a guide for use of the power saw as a jigsaw with the blade for sawing passing through the sole plate in use of the power saw as a jigsaw. Also, in a second position, the sole plate is out of contact with the workpiece when the saw is in a use position. Claims 14 through 16 depend from Claim 13.

The art cited by the Examiner fails to disclose or suggest Claims 13 through 16. All of the art cited by the Examiner illustrates a sole plate which, when the saw is in use, is in contact with the workpiece. The art does not illustrate a sole plate which is out of contact with the workpiece when the saw is in use. Accordingly, Applicant believes Claims 13 through 16 to be patentably distinguishable over the art cited by the Examiner.

In light of the above remarks, Applicant would submit that the application is now in proper order and in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present Amendment,
he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned attorney or Bruce Shapiro at (410)
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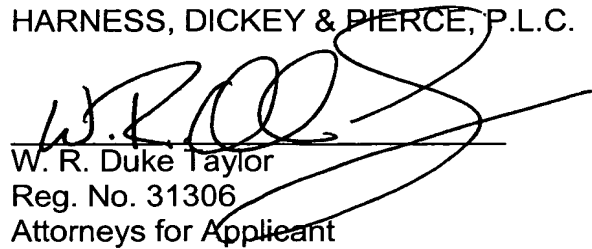


Respectfully submitted,

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